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1. On 22 April 1955, the ration strength of the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt stationed in Prenzlau including divisional units also stationed there amounted to 2,000 officers, NCOs and soldiers. The decrease of 400 men compared to the preceding month, resulted from discharges.¹ 25X1
2. The discharges, which were to take place between 5 and 20 May, were executed between 12 and 15 April on account of a government decree. A total of 1,834 NCOs and soldiers of the division including 550 NCOs and men from the Prenzlau post were discharged. A total of 2,250 recruits were expected to arrive. Prior to 22 April, the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt received 150 recruits.¹
3. Between 12 and 22 April, the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt discontinued normal training because of discharges and arrival of recruits. Individual infantry units fired at the post firing ranges in the Kleine Heide. Artillery units of the division fired at Jaegerbrueck at the same time. The Mtrcl Bn stationed in the building on Alsenstrasse conducted two 24-hour field exercises.¹ and 2
4. In late March, some 60 officers of the division allegedly had to report at the headquarters of Heeresgruppe Nord in Pasewalk where staff officers of the Soviet Army asked them to volunteer for a several-year stay at an officers candidate school in the USSR. Approximately 10 percent of the officers agreed.³
5. On 21 May, the units mentioned had the following ration strength:

Div Units of the Mtz Rifle Div Prenzlau:

Div Hq	127 officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel	
Hq Co	72 " " " "	
Motor transport unit	60 " " " "	
Motor vehicle repair unit	41 " " " "	
Guard Co	48 " " " "	
Mtrcl Bn		
Sig Bn and attached units: sound and flash ranging unit, bakery company and motor vehicle school	685 " " " "	NODEX-M (10)

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Hospital

67 officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel

Total

1,100 "

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Soviet advisors

12 officers

2d Mtz Rifle Regt:

Regt Hq	101 "	"	"	"
Regt School	172 "	"	"	"
Motor Trans Co	60 "	"	"	"
AT, AAA, Mort and SP unit	106 "	"	"	"
Rcn Unit	14 "	"	"	"
Sig unit	42 "	"	"	"
Engr unit	25 "	"	"	"
1st Bn	209 "	"	"	"
2d Bn	211 "	"	"	"
3d Bn	354 "	"	"	"
Sick room and detention room	18 "	"	"	"

Total

1,312 "

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6. In mid-May, the 1st Mtz Rifle Regt was located in Pinnow and the 3d Mtz Rifle Regt, the Arty and the Tank Regt of the division in Torgelow.

7. Between 16 and 21 May, recruits arrived continually in Prenzlau and were distributed among all units of the division. Basic training of the recruits had started. Exercises in the area of the division were to begin again in August.

8. The construction of a KVP training ground in Kroechlendorffer Heide, about 12 km southwest of Prenzlau was reportedly to start in early May.

1. Comment. All units mentioned are confirmed at their posts. Between 20 and 25 percent of the personnel of the Mtz Rifle Div Prenzlau were apparently discharged. The ration strength on 21 May tends to indicate that the units of the Prenzlau post received approximately the same number of personnel as had been discharged. The shifting of the date of discharge was previously reported.

2. Comment. By August, the training level of the recruits will presumably permit to have them participate in these exercises. Prior to August, small-scale exercises and firing with heavy weapons will probably involve only trained personnel.

3. Comment. After the completion of the last course in Volsk in the USSR in 1953, no information has been received on a detachment on an officer candidate school in the USSR of a major number of KVP officers.

4. Comment. This measure supports the previous assumption that not only divisions but also major posts were to receive their own training grounds.

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